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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Inventor: Alberto PIROVANO) Group Art Unit: Not assigned
Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned) Examiner: Not assigned
Filed: December 27, 2001)
For: SUBMARINE CABLE BRANCHING)
UNIT WITH CURRENT LIMITER)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, after the Title, insert the following new heading and new paragraph:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/259,223, filed January 3, 2001, the content of which is incorporated herein by reference, and claims the right to priority based on European Application No. 00128547.7, filed December 27, 2000. --

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